UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
SAN JUAN, P.R.

METRO GOLDWYN MAYER, INC., et al.
Plaintiffs
v.
CADIR DIAZ d/b/a VIDEO MOVIE
Defendants

Civil No. 97-2633(SEC)
Copyright Infringement, Lanham Act

ORDER

MOTION	RULING
Docket # 16 Plaintiffs' "Motion for Leave to Amend Complaint to Include Persia Díaz and Lea Fernández As Additional Defendants"	**GRANTED**. Defendant Cadir Díaz vigorously opposed plaintiffs' motion to amend the complaint. Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a) directs that "[a] party may amend the party's pleading once as a matter of course at any time before a responsive pleading is served . . . ." As no such pleading has been served yet, plaintiffs have a right to amend their complaint as a matter of course. See, e.g., McDonald v. Hall, 579 F.2d 120, 121 (1st Cir. 1978) ("Neither a motion to dismiss nor one for summary judgment is a responsive pleading for purposes of Rule 15(a).") (citations omitted).

DATE: October 8th, 1999

SALVADOR E. CASELLAS
United States District Judge

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